the nationalisation of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company was recently submitted to the Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Government have been receiving representations/memoranda signed individually and jointly demanding nationalisation of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, Calcutta.

Government and Reserve Bank of India have filed Special Leave Petitions in the Supreme Court against the judgement and order delivered by the Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court. The Supreme Court has admitted the Petitions and the same are pending in the Supreme Court. The matter is, therefore, sub-judice.

Export of Rice

746. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any possibility of more export of rice; and

(b) if so, to which countries and at what price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The international prices of rice are ruling low and there is stiff competition in the international market. The quantum of rice that the trade would be able to export would depend on prices and other conditions prevailing in the international market.

News-Item Captioned "One-third of Indian Labour not being used"

747. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "One-third of Indian labour not being used" which appeared in the 'News Time' of the 9th September, 1986; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The official estimates about unemployment in the country are given in Chapter 5 of Vol. II of the Seventh Five Year Plan Document. According to that source, 9.20 million persons were usually unemployed in the age group 5+ in March, 1985. At the same point of time, the labour force in the country has been estimated as 305.40 million in the age group 5+.

Trade Deficit suffered in Trade with China

748. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of trade deficit which India suffered with China during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the items which are at present being imported from and exported to China?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a)

(Rs. in crores)

1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
77·08	24·35	42·06

(b) No specific reasons can be mentioned as it is so with many countries and constant efforts to correct such imbalances with each country are being made.

(c) The list of items is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

China's export to India:

Careals, Green beans etc.
Tung oil
Sugar
Spices
Gum Rosin ....
Turbine oil
Bristles
Goat hide
Raw silk
Textiles
Light industrial products
Arts & crafts
Ferrous metals
Mercury
Antimony
Flourspar powder
Lubricant oils
Chemicals
Pharmaceuticals
Electrical equipment
Printing machines

China's Imports from India:

Steel products
Iron ore
Chrome ore
Dyes and dyestuff
Pharmaceuticals
Medicinal herbs
Cereals
Finished leather

Reports of the Economic Administrative Reforms Commission

749. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Economic Administrative Reforms Commission has submitted 30 reports on various topics under its terms of reference;

(b) if so, whether Government have published the same and placed them on the Table of the House; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Distress sale of cotton corporation in Gujarat

750. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cotton growers of Gujarat and other States are making distress sale of their cotton crop below the support price level announced by Government;

(b) what measures Government have taken to avoid distress sale in view of the bumper crop of the cotton and whether the entire surplus cotton would be purchased by State and semi-State agencies;

(c) what is the expected current cotton crop, carrying forward expected, domestic consumption and surplus;